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[1](#)1. (SBU) On April 28, we pressed the MFA on Kosovo IMF and World Bank membership, further to Refs. Earlier, we had informally coordinated approaches with the German Ambassador, who reportedly demarched FM Bruno Stagno directly on the issue the week of April 20; this may have helped lay the groundwork for the positive GOCR response. On April 29 MFA Deputy Director of Foreign Policy Linyi Baidal assured us that Costa Rica would vote in support of Kosovo's candidacy for World Bank and IMF membership.

[1](#)2. (SBU) COMMENT: The MFA's support for Kosovo's World Bank/IMF candidacy is in line with the GOCR's quick recognition of Kosovar statehood, and meets our expectations as reported in Reftel C. We will follow up to verify that the GOCR will vote before the May 5 IMF deadline.  
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